The English Major provides a flexible program. Students who major in English participate in increasingly intensified study of language and literature that includes English, American, and foreign literature in translation. Upon graduation, English majors are well qualified to enter nearly all fields that do not require previous technical and professional training.

Although the English major is an excellent preparation for a variety of careers, many students will seek licensure to teach, and others will choose to enter graduate school. English has long been recognized as a desirable major for prelaw and premedical studies. It is also beneficial for students who enter such fields as journalism, editing, communications, diplomacy, advertising, and personnel work.

A “Guide for English Majors and Minors” is available upon request from the departmental office. It provides current advice on planning a major or minor. Additional guidance is available from the Director of Undergraduate Studies in English and from faculty advisors.

**Overall Requirements**
- 120 credit hours, to include at least 36 credits at or above the 300 course level
- Minimum of 36 credits of English above the 100 level is required.
- No requirement for the major may be met by a grade lower than C-

**Degree Program Requirements**

**University Requirements**

[https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-policies](https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-policies)

**General Education Core Requirements**

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**College of Arts and Sciences Additional Requirements**

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**Major Requirements**

**Core Requirements**

**Historical Perspectives**
- Medieval to Enlightenment - Select one of the following:
  - ENG 211: Major British Authors: Medieval to Eighteenth Century
  - ENG 213: Transcultural Literatures: Medieval to Enlightenment
  - ENG 251: Major American Authors: Colonial to Romantic
- Romantic to Postmodern - Select one of the following:
  - ENG 212: Major British Authors: Romantic to Modern
  - ENG 214: Modern English Writers

**Perspectives on Literature**

**Pre-1800 - Select two courses in literature before 1800 (only one of which may be Shakespeare) of the following:**
- ENG 332: English Women Writers before 1800
- ENG 333: Shakespeare: Early Plays and Sonnets
  - or ENG 340: Shakespeare: Later Plays
  - or ENG 440: Shakespeare

**Post-1800 - Select one course in literature after 1800 of the following:**
- ENG 315: Postcolonial Literatures
- ENG 331: Women in Literature
- ENG 333: Southern Writers
- ENG 344: The Romantic Period
- ENG 345: The Victorian Period
- ENG 346: English Literature from Victorian to Modern
- ENG 347: Topics in Post-1800 Literature
- ENG 348: Contemporary British Literature and Culture
- ENG 349: Modernism
- ENG 350: The Twentieth-Century English Novel
- ENG 351: The American Novel through World War I
- ENG 352: The Twentieth-Century American Novel
- ENG 353: The Contemporary Novel
- ENG 357: Modernism
- ENG 358: Modern Poetry
- ENG 359: Contemporary Poetry
- ENG 373: American Romanticism
- ENG 374: Early African American Writers
- ENG 375: Topics in Native American and Indigenous Studies
- ENG 376: African American Writers after the 1920s
- ENG 377: American Life-Writing
- ENG 379: Contemporary American Poetry
- ENG 380: Literature and the Environment
- ENG 382: Modern English Writers
- ENG 451: 19th Century British Writers
- ENG 445: Modern English Writers
Qualified UNC Greensboro undergraduate students may apply for admission to the Accelerated Degree Program in English. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5 based on at least 30 credits earned at UNC Greensboro is required. Applicants must have completed at least 60 credits and may not apply for admission to the ADP before the first semester of the junior year.

English has the following additional requirements for ADP applicants:

At least 15 credits of undergraduate English courses at the 200-level or above, with an earned 3.5 GPA in these courses.

Standard application requirements for the Master of Arts program, excluding GRE scores (i.e., undergraduate transcript(s), three letters of recommendation, statement of purpose, writing sample, and resume or cv).

Accelerated Degree Program applicants must submit the Request for Accelerated Degree Program to the Graduate School and must simultaneously apply for admission to the English Master of Arts degree program. Students admitted to the ADP program may apply a maximum of 12 credits of graduate-level coursework toward completion of both the undergraduate and graduate degrees, provided that they earn a grade of "B" (3.0) or better in each graduate course and fulfill graduate-level requirements.

### Degree Requirements

Please consult with an advisor to determine how the courses taken at the graduate level will meet requirements in the bachelor's degree program. All degree requirements for the Master of Arts in English will remain the same.

### ADP Courses

Up to, but not more than, 12 credits of graduate courses may be double-counted. For a course to apply toward both degrees, the student must earn a grade of "B" (3.0) or better in the course and fulfill graduate-level requirements.

The M.A. degree requires 30-36 credit hours of graduate-level coursework. If the maximum of 12 credits is double-counted toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees, the student must complete a minimum of 18 credits of further graduate-level coursework to complete the M.A. degree. No more than 9 credits at the 500-level may be counted toward the M.A. degree. Please see the University Catalog for a full description of the M.A. degree requirements.

The following courses have been identified as those that may be counted toward the B.A. and M.A. degrees. These courses have been chosen because they are well suited to ADP students and because they are offered frequently enough to provide students substantial opportunity to enroll in them. All courses that lead to the completion of the M.A. degree must be approved by the Director of Graduate Study.

### The following courses may be counted toward both the bachelor and master's degrees:

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### Electives

Select electives sufficient to complete the 120 credit hours required for the B.A. degree.

### Accelerated B.A. to M.A.

The Accelerated BA to MA in English requires 30-36 credit hours and is designed for those planning to pursue a doctorate; to teach in community colleges, technical institutes, or some undergraduate colleges; and to work in non-academic settings. Three plans of study beyond the core requirements are offered:

1. **Thesis Plan**
2. **Teaching Composition Plan**
3. **Careers in the Humanities Plan**
* May be repeated twice for credit when topic or instructor varies.